

City of Marietta
Central Business District Improvement Project
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The City of Marietta / Board of Lights and Water plan to construct waterline, crosswalk, decorative signage, and resurfacing improvements at North, East, South, and West Park Square commencing January 4, 2010. Construction is anticipated to be substantially complete in mid April 2010. The existing waterline predates 1950 and is in need of replacement due to age, capacity, and pipe material. The waterline replacement will improve the quality service to the businesses surrounding the square. The paver crosswalks, sign consolidation, and repaving are part of a continued effort to enhance / revitalize the downtown area.

In an effort to reduce the impact during construction to our citizens, merchants, and visitors several meetings have been held to review options for parking, deliveries, and customer access during construction. The January 4th start date was selected since following months are typically the slower months of the year for our merchants and have limited city events utilizing the square. The city is coordinating with various contractors and city departments involved to take advantage of the January to April time period by compressing the construction schedule as much as possible.

One key element of the staging plan is to maintain parking circulation around the square. Parking circulation around all 4 sides of the square will be maintained at all times. During construction there will be periodic closures for roads entering and leaving the square. Detour signage will be in place during all closures. The current plan maintains a minimum of 4 entrances and 4 exits from the square at any time during construction; however, construction delays such as weather could reduce the access to 2 entrances and 2 exits from the square for brief periods. A loading zone plan has been prepared to provide guidance to vendors and merchants using loading zones around the square.

Generally, the waterline to be replaced will be within the parking spaces fronting the businesses along North, West, and South Park Square. The waterline construction will commence first and will begin along North Park Square. The current plan is to close no more than half of the parking along the north side of North Park Square at a time for the majority of the waterline construction period. It is anticipated that half of the parking along one side of North and West Park Square will be closed for approximately 2 to 3 days at a point during construction as the contractor moves construction activities to West Park Square. The water main will be constructed in 2 stages then service connections will follow. Once the water main is constructed the water contractor will move to West Park Square then to South Park Square using a similar staging procedure.

During the water main construction along North Park Square a separate contractor will construct paver crosswalks partially across the intersections of West, South, and East Park Square. Once the water main is completed near the North and East Park Square intersection the paver crosswalk construction will commence at the intersection of North and East Park Square. As the water main construction commences around the square the crosswalk improvements will follow at each intersection. The crosswalk construction at each intersection will be done in two significant stages to provide a continuous traffic circulation pattern for parking.

Throughout construction of the water main and paver crosswalks city staff will replace signs around the square. Sign poles will be replaced with decorative black poles with signs having a black backing. Where possible signs will be relocated to light poles or consolidated with other signs on decorative sign poles to reduce the overall number of poles. During the sign replacement the remaining overhead light poles will be replaced with new decorative poles.

Upon completion of the water main and crosswalks North, West, South, and East Park Square will be resurfaced. The milling and resurfacing is currently planned to be implemented at night. If possible the resurfacing will be completed by the end of April; however, it is possible that the paving will continue until the end of May.

Citizens, merchants, and visitors are asked to be patient during construction. Additional information will be provided on the web at www.mariettaga.gov/transportation for interested parties which will allow users to sign up for email updates when new information is available. The point of contact for the waterline construction and crosswalk construction will be provided to the downtown merchants prior to construction commencing.